

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is amended. Claim 31 is added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments are made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter is added by any of the amendments to the specification.

Also, applicants submit a replacement figure labeled Figure 8 as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added by any of the amendments to Figure 8.

I. Objection to Specification

The objections to the specification are overcome by amendment.

II. Objection to Drawings

The objections to the drawings are overcome by the replacement sheet of drawing.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 is amended to recite a method **in a data processing system** of registering services in a taxonomy. Furthermore, claim 1 is amended to recite, for example, receiving a registration request **at the data processing system** and registering the service description in the identified category **using the data processing system** if the service description should be registered in the identified category. Registering the service description in the identified category **using the data processing system** provides a functional interrelationship that can only be computer implemented.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is statutory. Since claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, these claims are statutory as well. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The Office Action rejects claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being allegedly anticipated by Cohn, et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0010651 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention was invented on or before March 7, 2000. The attached Declarations under Rule 1.131 provide documentation as to the preparation of the application for the invention on or before March 7, 2000, which predates the applied Cohn, et al. reference. In the Declarations, Exhibit A, which is a disclosure detailing the invention, shows a last modified date of March 7, 2000. This exhibit predates the applied reference's priority date of July 18, 2000. Therefore, the applied Cohn, et al. reference does not qualify under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). As such, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. New claim 31 recites subject matter originally presented in claim 1-30 and is allowable for similar reasons.

V. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the drawing sheet having FIG. 8 with the attached replacement sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (8/9)